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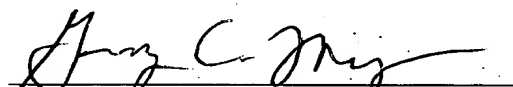
For: AN AUTOMATED
GEMSTONE EVALUATION
SYSTEM

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 15, and 18 as follows:

1. (Amended) A fully automated gemstone evaluation system for which the presence of the actual gemstone is not required, comprising:

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an input device adapted to receive predetermined gemstone data supplied by a system user of the type found on a gemstone laboratory grading certificate including cut type, weight, color, clarity, and cut proportions wherein the data for cut proportions includes an objective measurable value for at least one of depth percentage, table percentage, girdle